A budgset provision of Rs. 15.02 lakhs only for the year 1988-89 has been agreed to by the Planning Commission for this scheme.

1371. [*Transferred to the 10th March, 1989*]

Amount earmarked by Public Sector Units for Family Welfare Programme

1372. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what amount is earmarked by various public sector units as an incentive to family welfare programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): The Public Sector Enterprises under the Central Government at present do not report to the Ministry of Industry, Bureau of Public Enterprises the amount earmarked or expenditure incurred by them exclusively on Family Welfare activities. However, the Public Sector Enterprises do promote Family Welfare Programme by way of incentives such as grant of special increment, special leave facilities, concessional rate on House Building Advance etc. In addition, they also incur expenditure on conducting clinics|camps, maintenance and updating of registers of eligible couples, giving support to the local Collector and PHC staff etc. They do undertake programmes for dissemination of information on the advantages of small family norm and the expenses incurred thereon cannot be quantified.

Vacant posts of Staff Nurses in Government hospitals in the capital

1373. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of posts of Staff nurses have been lying vacant in Government Hospitals in the Capital;

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant and since when in each Hospital;

(c) whether Government propose to fill all such vacancies for better functioning of the Government hospitals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Indigenously Built Aircraft Carrier for Indian Navy

1374. SHRI RAOOF VALLIULLAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering an indigenously built aircraft carrier, if so, whether Indian Navy has been asked to design the vessel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Cochin Shipyard Limited has been identified for the purpose and when will the order be placed; and

(c) whether Government have considered acquisition of second hand vessel in preference to indigenously built aircraft carrier and its comparative cost, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) A contract has been signed with M/s. SOFMA of France for the Concept Design Study of a Sea Control Ship for the Indian Navy. The feasibility and cost of indigenous construction of the ship require the completion of these studies.

(c) No such proposal is there at present. Comparative costs cannot be worked out at this stage.